

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2 and 3 and AMEND claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part~~part~~, which is mounted on a circuit board, comprising:
 - a socket body on which the electrical part is accommodated; and
 - a plurality of contactors disposed on the socket body ~~for establishing~~ to establish an electrical connection between the circuit board and the electrical part,
 - the socket body comprising a contact unit in which the contactors are held, the contact unit comprising: the contact unit being comprised of plates to be superimposed,
 - a first plate disposed at an uppermost position of the contact unit,
 - a second plate disposed at a lower side of the first plate,
 - a fourth plate disposed at a lowermost position of the contact unit, and
 - a third plate disposed at an upper side of the fourth plate,
 - each of the first through fourth plates ~~plate~~-having a plurality of through holes through each of which the ~~contactor is~~ contactors are respectively inserted, and
 - a spacer disposed between the second and third plates and defining a through hole to receive the contactors,
 - a hole size of the through hole of the second plate being larger than a hole size of the through hole of the first plate to form a first stepped portion,
 - a hole size of the through hole of the third plate being larger than a hole size of the through hole of the fourth plate to form a second stepped portion,
 - the first and second stepped portions to prevent the contactors from coming out of the contact unit, and contactors having a different length being accommodated into the contact unit only by replacing the spacer with a spacer of a different thickness.

~~a hole size of the through holes of one plate being different from that of another plate which is directly disposed on the one plate so as to form a stepped portion between the through holes of the one plate and another plate,~~

~~the stepped portion being used for preventing the contactor from coming off from the contact unit.~~

2-3. (CANCELLED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for electrical parts according to claim 1, wherein the socket body comprises a socket frame and a the contact unit, the socket frame having an opening capable of accommodating the contact unit, and the contact unit is detachably disposed on the socket frame.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for electrical parts according to ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~plate-plates~~ of the contact unit ~~is-are~~ formed of ~~thea~~ a same material having an approximately same thermal expansion coefficient as that of an insulating material of the circuit board.

6. (ORIGINAL) The socket for electrical parts according to claim 1, wherein a positioning portion is formed, with respect to the circuit board, on the contact unit, the contact unit being positioned on the circuit board by the positioning portion.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A socket for an electrical ~~partspart~~, which is disposed on a circuit board having a hole therein, comprising:

a socket body on which the electrical part is accommodated; and

a plurality of contactors disposed on the socket body for establishing an electrical

connection between the circuit board and the electrical part,

the socket body comprising:

a frame, and

a contact unit in which the contactors are held, comprising a positioning portion ~~being formed, with respect to fitting into the hole of the circuit board, on the contact unit, the~~ contact unit being positioned on the circuit board by the positioning portion, even if there is a clearance between the frame and the contact unit.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 7, wherein the ~~socket body comprises a socket frame and a contact unit, the socket frame~~ having an opening capable of accommodating the contact unit, and the contact unit is detachably disposed on the socket frame.

9. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, the contactor elastically abutting against the circuit board so as to establish an electrical connection therebetween.

10. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 8, the contactor elastically abutting against the circuit board so as to establish an electrical connection therebetween.